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## Obama Administration Announces Additional \$102,508,400 for Local Energy Efficiency Improvements in Pennsylvania

Block Grants to Support Jobs, Cut Energy Bills, and Increase Energy Independence

**WASHINGTON** - Vice President Joe Biden and Energy Secretary Steven Chu today announced plans to invest \$3.2 billion in energy efficiency and conservation projects in U.S. cities, counties, states, territories, and Native American tribes. This includes \$102,508,400 for state, county and city efforts in Pennsylvania. A detailed breakdown is below.

Today's announcement builds on an investment of \$352,477,062 in Pennsylvania weatherization and energy funding announced by the Administration on March 12<sup>th</sup> and detailed at <u>energy.gov/recovery</u>.

"These investments will save taxpayer dollars and create jobs in communities around the country," said Vice President Biden. "Local leaders will have the flexibility in how they put these resources to work – but we will hold them accountable for making the investments quickly and wisely to spur the local economy and cut energy use."

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program, funded by President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, will provide formula grants for projects that reduce total energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and improve energy efficiency.

The funding will support energy audits and energy efficiency retrofits in residential and commercial buildings, the development and implementation of advanced building codes and inspections, and the creation of financial incentive programs for energy efficiency improvements. Other activities eligible for use of grant funds include transportation programs that conserve energy, projects to reduce and capture methane and other greenhouse gas emissions from landfills, renewable energy installations on

government buildings, energy efficient traffic signals and street lights, deployment of Combined Heat and Power and district heating and cooling systems, and others.

To ensure accountability, the Department of Energy will provide guidance to and require grant recipients to report on the number of jobs created or retained, energy saved, renewable energy capacity installed, greenhouse gas emissions reduced, and funds leveraged. Funding is based on a formula that accounts for population and energy use.

"The Block Grants are a major investment in energy solutions that will strengthen America's economy and create jobs at the local level," said Secretary Chu. "The funding will be used for the cheapest, cleanest and most reliable energy technologies we have – energy efficiency and conservation – which can be deployed immediately. The grants also empower local communities to make strategic investments to meet the nation's long term clean energy and climate goals."

Funding for state, city, and county governments in the state includes:

PA	Pennsylvania Total Sum City, County, and SEO Allocations	All	\$102,508,400
PA	Pennsylvania	State Energy Office	\$23,574,800
PA	Abington	City	\$500,400
PA	Allen	City	\$1,038,800
PA	Altoona	City	\$205,700
PA	Bensalem	City	\$576,600
PA	Bethlehem	City	\$702,100
PA	Bristol	City	\$492,500
PA	Cheltenham	City	\$147,400
PA	Chester	City	\$156,000
PA	Erie	City	\$1,031,500
PA	Harrisburg	City	\$256,200
PA	Haverford	City	\$190,000
PA	Hempfield	City	\$168,400
PA	Lancaster	City	\$575,900
PA	Lower Merion	City	\$587,600
PA	Lower Paxton	City	\$185,200
PA	Manheim	City	\$160,600
PA	Middletown	City	\$189,200
PA	Millcreek	City	\$491,600
PA	Northampton	City	\$160,800
PA	Penn Hills	City	\$181,400
PA	Philadelphia	City	\$14,108,700
PA	Pittsburgh	City	\$3,403,000
PA	Reading	City	\$791,000
PA	Scranton	City	\$718,500
PA	State College	City	\$194,100
PA	Upper Darby	City	\$695,600
PA	Wilkes-Barre	City	\$192,300

PA	York	City	\$190,200
PA	Allegheny	County	\$8,094,300
PA	Berks	County	\$2,973,200
PA	Bucks	County	\$3,906,600
PA	Chester	County	\$4,615,800
PA	Cumberland	County	\$2,207,300
PA	Delaware	County	\$3,668,300
PA	Lancaster	County	\$3,795,900
PA	Lehigh	County	\$2,032,100
PA	Luzerne	County	\$2,542,200
PA	Montgomery	County	\$6,183,000
PA	Northampton	County	\$2,190,900
PA	Washington	County	\$1,924,400
PA	Westmoreland	County	\$ 3,006,500
PA	York	County	\$3,501,800

More information on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program is available on <a href="http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block\_grants.cfm">http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block\_grants.cfm</a>.